

Lesson 1, Quiz 1

1. True or False: Melville himself experienced life on board a whaleship.

- A. True
- B. False

2. True or False: Nantucket remained the primary center of whaling throughout the nineteenth century.

- A. True
- B. False

3. True or False: *Moby-Dick* is inspired in part by the story of the sinking of the *Essex*.

- A. True
- B. False

4. True or False: Whale oil was important because it was used as fuel for the earliest automobiles.

- A. True
- B. False

5. True or False: The character Queequeg is a true representation of a typical South Pacific Islander.

- A. True
- B. False

6. True or False: Ishmael sets a somber tone in the opening pages of *Moby-Dick*.

- A. True
- B. False

7. True or False: A long lay is financially advantageous.

- A. True
- B. False

8. True or False: Ishmael is able to come to terms with Queequeg's ethnic and religious identity.

- A. True
- B. False

Lesson 2, Quiz 1

1. True or False: Crew members were often given the best food and better living conditions than officers aboard a whaling vessel because of the hard work that they performed.

- A. True
- B. False

2. True or False: Ahab is pursuing Moby Dick solely because, if killed, his great size is certain to mean a successful financial voyage.

- A. True
- B. False

3. True or False: The *Pequod* is unusual in that none of its harpooners are white Americans.

- A. True
- B. False

4. True or False: Starbuck remains skeptical of Ahab's plan to the last.

- A. True
- B. False

5. True or False: Ishmael's concern for the reputation of the whaling profession makes him unwilling to depict his fellow whalers as anything other than noble and heroic.

- A. True
- B. False

6. True or False: Whalers were able to receive letters from home while aboard ship.

- A. True
- B. False

7. True or False: The men of the *Pequod* knew about Captain Ahab's mission to kill Moby Dick when they signed on for the voyage.

- A. True
- B. False

Lesson 3, quiz 1

1. True or False: In the method of whaling practiced by the men of the *Pequod*, whales would be fatally injured with the first toss of the harpoon.

- A. True
- B. False

2. True or False: The whaling trade provides Ishmael with many metaphors for human life.

- A. True
- B. False

3. True or False: Because for Ishmael the whale is mainly a symbol, he is not interested in discussing its biological traits.

- A. True
- B. False

4. True or False: Male whales are always solitary creatures.

- A. True
- B. False

5. True or False: English whalers had the same rights as American whalers.

- A. True
- B. False

6. True or False: Ishmael suggests that the whalers' code of "loose" and "fast" fish is also applicable to larger human events.

- A. True
- B. False

Lesson 4, quiz 1

1. True or False: Ahab sees his revenge against Moby Dick as the triumph of good over evil.

- A. True
- B. False

2. True or False: Starbuck considers killing Ahab in an attempt to save the crew of the *Pequod*.

- A. True
- B. False

3. True or False: Fedallah predicts that Ahab will be killed by his own harpoon.

- A. True
- B. False

4. True or False: Ahab delays his search for Moby Dick in order to help the captain of the *Rachel* search for his missing son.

- A. True
- B. False

5. True or False: Because the number of sperm whales alive today is small, they are currently considered an endangered species and it is illegal to hunt them.

- A. True
- B. False